

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WINTER MEETING OF THE VERMONT BOTANICAL CLUB was held at the University of Vermont on January 16 and 17. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Club and the program was crowded with good papers. President Brainerd discussed the violets of the state as at present understood; W. H. Blanchard reported from the vicinity of Westminster a number of interesting plants new to Vermont, and some new to science; Mrs. E. B. Davenport gave her recollections of "the shoemaker botanist," C. C. Frost; Professor E. A. Burt discussed the *Thelephorae* of Vermont; Mrs. N. F. Flynn reported the discovery of 41 additional species in Burlington and vicinity during 1902, making the total number of seed plants and ferns recorded for the local flora of this region 1066; Dr. G. T. Moore discussed the pollution of water supplies by algae. There were 15 other shorter papers presented.

The annual address was by Mr. Clifton D. Howe of the University of Chicago, upon Some Results of Deforestation in Vermont. Mr. Howe, in his capacity as field agent for the National Bureau of Forestry, has made an extended survey of the forests of the state during the past year. It is hoped that Vermont will soon fall into line with the other New England states in formulating a forestry policy which will tend to alter the present methods of destructive lumbering.

Seventeen new members were elected and the former officers reappointed, namely: President, Ezra Brainerd; Vice-President, C. G. Pringle; Secretary, L. R. Jones. It was the sentiment that the summer meeting, which occurs about July first, be held on Stratton mountain. As this is near the Massachusetts and New Hampshire lines it is hoped that botanists from the neighboring states may join the party. Any desiring to learn more definitely the dates and plans should address the secretary, at the University of Vermont, Burlington.—L. R. JONES, *Secy.*

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THE following members of the CONNECTICUT BOTANICAL SOCIETY have been appointed as a committee to take charge of its work upon the lower cryptogams: *Bryophytes*, Professor A. W. Evans, New Haven; *Algae*, Mr. Isaac Holden, Bridgeport; *Fungi*, Dr. G. P. Clinton, New Haven.

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